

There is no victory without venture.

The best answer to an insult is a sudden hit.

Pumping from a dry well is a waste of work and time.

Fresh air is cheaper than pneumonia and much safer.

The fastest runner at the start is often the slowest runner at the finish.

He who pockets an insult for the sake of policy is a poltroon and a coward.

The people of India perhaps are merely weary of a diet of benevolent assimilation.

How long will it take the news of the drop in the price of meats to reach the restaurants?

Since gold has been discovered in Greenland the icy mountains should begin to fix up for company next summer.

The pay-as-you-enter street car may be all right, but we should say that a pay-as-you-take-a-seat car would be better.

An Italian marquis was held by bandits for a ransom of \$500. At that the outlaws' price is possibly rated excessive in Italy.

Three hundred weddings took place in Pittsburg on Thanksgiving day. Here's hoping that the whole 600 will be thankful next November!

An experienced hunter is one who can tell whether shot suitable for rabbit shooting hurts quite as much as that employed in killing quail.

American agricultural products this year are valued at more than \$7,000,000,000—including the achievements of the suburban backyard farmer.

Europe is behind us in anesthetics, remarks a Philadelphia doctor just home from abroad. Coming from a Philadelphian this is authoritative.

If George Washington had dreamed that there would ever be 306,000 federal employes, as there are now, he might have worried some about the pay roll.

A Gotham man was held up and robbed of his gold false teeth. A much safer scheme is to wear the common or natural teeth when walking at night.

The Krenmling (Col.) man named Barker, who is a taxidermist, a horse doctor, a lawyer and an undertaker, is a living proof that the kaiser doesn't possess all the versatility there is.

In Albuquerque, N. M., people are not permitted to use their telephones on Sunday. Sunday must be a dull day for the woman who is in the habit of listening on a party line out there.

Evidently the poor, downtrodden, though much-traveled immigrant does not consult the world in regard to his movements, for no one appears pleased when he is coming or going in large numbers.

A teacher of the blind says that stenography is good employment for the sightless, and that the number of blind stenographers is increasing. Perhaps this accounts for some of the spelling in the letters that you get.

Florence Nightingale earned distinction in the Crimean war more than half a century ago. Her Order of Merit comes late, but perhaps it is better so than never. It will not outshine the luster of her simple name.

Gen. Booth says that when he gets to heaven, his first experience will probably be to answer the questions of a host of reporters. Gen. Booth is familiar with the reporters, and knows that they will not go where they are so often told to.

"Reginald was bewitched. Never had the baroness seemed to him so beautiful as at this moment when, in her dumb grief, she hid her face," writes an Indiana author. Here is a tip to the homely girl. Hide your face and keep mum.

The Boston Globe says: "Go west, young immigrant," and this is good advice," exclaims the Ansonia Sentinel. There is room enough in this country for millions more, if they can be properly distributed instead of huddled in cities that are already overcrowded.

In a London pantomime, as the Babes in the Wood fall asleep, the trees are seen shedding their leaves until presently the trees, which at the beginning were thick with autumnal foliage, are seen standing bleak and bare, with their long branches swaying and shivering in the wind. Modern stage realism is yearly growing more realistic.

## A RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

One of the Twelve Stories of Solomon.

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Scripture Authority—1 Kings 3: 16-28.

### SERMONETTE.

"And they feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment."—The surest pathway to power over the hearts of men is that which runs parallel to the Divine will and purpose.

Power over men which finds its source in God is first pure, next unselfish, and lastly uplifting.

There is power of men over men and there is power from God over men.

The first finds its source in human ambition; the second comes from union with God.

There is no grander privilege or greater responsibility than that of power over one's fellows, if the source and inspiration of such power rests in God.

Solomon because of his natural gifts, the resources at his command and the station which he occupied had great power over men, a power which he might have used wholly for selfish ends.

But into the devout heart of the young king there came a realization of a higher power to which even a king must bow, and in a sublime spirit of modesty and genuine humility he puts a true estimate on the limitations of human attainments and abilities, and sees in the unlimited resources of God the complement of all human endeavor.

As in the days of Solomon, so is it true to-day, that men are quick to recognize the qualities of genuine goodness in those who are an authority.

And notice, it is the simple, common incidents of life which reveal the true qualities of a man. Have you not often wondered why so ordinary an incident was chosen by the inspired writer of the book to prove the wisdom of Solomon? There must have been a multitude of incidents more striking and more profound, but out of all, this story of the two harlots and their offspring is chosen.

And yet what did it reveal to the people as perhaps no other incident could have done? First of all, that wisdom born of God is not so high or so mighty as to be above the commonest things of life, nor so exclusive as to shut out the weakest and meanest and lowest of God's creatures from share in his righteousness and justice. And in the next place, that wisdom from God goes deeper than mere external evidence, touching the very mainsprings of life, and revealing what the deceitful heart is striving to cover up. Truly, the "foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

### THE STORY.

"BEGONE! Thinkest thou that the king hath time for such as ye?" and as he spoke the gate keeper thrust back the two women; who sought entrance to the palace. With a look of pain and disappointment they slunk back into the shadow of the gateway, and watched with envious eyes the

### OLD IDEAS ARE PASSING AWAY.

Incident That Conclusively Demonstrated This Is a New Age.

A reporter congratulated Mayor Douglass of Niagara on his recent superb illumination of the great falls.

"Yes," said Mayor Douglass, thoughtfully, "the idea was novel and striking. It made an excellent advertisement. New things are what is wanted nowadays. New ideas! new methods!" he exclaimed. "It is to them that young men owe their success. Thus, the other day I sat in the private office of a certain firm and saw the triumph of the new idea over the old demonstrated. The senior partner, a white-haired conservative, was studying the letter of an applicant for a position.

"No, no," said the senior partner, shaking his head, "this young man won't do at all. See how he put the stamp on this letter. It is not only crooked, but upside down as well. That indicates that he is lazy and careless."

"But the junior partner said emphatically:

"Nothing of the kind. It indicates

groups of people passing to and fro through the gate. Their garb proclaimed them as belonging to the poorer class, and the certain conditions of dress and bearing indicated plainly their character and the questionable manner of their life, and had not the gate keeper been busy with the constant stream of people passing in and out of the palace grounds he might have been curious to know what could have brought them thither. And while they made no further attempt to enter, they lingered near, offering striking contrast to the important-looking officials who found such ready entrance to the palace.

It was during the early part of King Solomon's reign that our story opens, and king and leaders from all over the land were busy effecting that organization which later became the marvel of nations far and near. With clever foresight he picked leaders from all over the realm and gave into their hands the administration of the kingdom, so that no place was so distant but that it felt the impress and stimulus of the energetic young king. Once a year these leaders and the other officers of the kingdom assembled at Jerusalem to report to the king, and it was at such a time as this that these two women had appeared at the palace pleading that they might see the king.

The rough words and treatment of the gatekeeper caught the notice of one of the officials as he was entering, and he paused after passing within the gateway to look back and observe the women who had thus been so harshly repulsed. Something in the expression on the face of one of the women aroused his curiosity and he retraced his steps to her side and inquired of her what she desired.

Scarcely had she begun to speak when the other broke in with her story and he soon saw that it was some sort of a controversy between the two over the little babe which one woman carried upon her bosom, and upon which the other woman ceased not for a moment to keep her eyes. The humorous side of the situation appealed to the official, and after lingering a few moments and failing to obtain anything save a superficial understanding of the matter, he turned, and with an amused expression on his face he again entered the palace courtyard and was soon mingling with the groups of men who had assembled in the king's audience hall.

The king had not yet ascended his throne, and the buzz of conversation filled the great hall as the officials talked of the various matters which were to be brought before the king.

As the last comer entered and joined himself to a group standing not far from the throne he was greeted with the inquiry:

"And what errand brings you thither?"

And then one of the group, noticing the half-amused expression which had not yet left his face, spoke up and said:

"Surely it is a pleasant message which Nahshon hath for the king this day."

And thus challenged, the man addressed went on with great gusto to relate the incident which had just transpired at the outer gate.

"It was not quite clear to me whether or not the women purposed to present the king with the babe, and each was contending for the honor of so doing."

"And to think that they should suppose that the king had time or thought for such as they or for matters such as might come between them."

The words of the last speaker were spoken with a rising inflection, showing the contempt which he felt at so absurd a proposition, and during the momentary hush which had fallen they rang out clear and distinct, so that the king, entering at that moment, overheard what was said.

Instantly upon the appearance of the king there was a hush, and everything else was forgotten in the formalities of receiving and paying homage to their lord.

For some moments after the formal

ceremonies were over the young king remained silent, thoughtfully contemplating the assembly of the chief men before him.

"What think you," he asked at length, "is the most important matter to come before us? Is the kingdom greater than the rights of the individual?"

Puzzled by the words of the king, the officials before him remained silent. And again the king spoke.

"Should not the king have time for any who desire judgment rendered?" Again there was silence. Then, turning his eyes upon the official who was speaking when he entered, he asked:

"And who is it that is beneath the thought of the king?"

In great confusion and trepidation the man mumbled something, and then Nahshon, grasping the trend of the king's mind and heart, boldly stepped forward and recounted with no spirit of ridicule, now, the story of the two women who had been waiting at the gate that morning.

"We shall do nothing this day until the case of these two women is heard," ejaculated the king.

Instantly one of the king's close advisers stepped to his side and whispered in his ear something at which the king impatiently shook his head and exclaimed, so that all in the room heard:

"What if they are? Have not even the harlots need of the righteous judgment of the king?"

And then turning to one of the messengers standing near he commanded the women to be sought out and brought in forthwith.

Had ever such a thing come to pass before in Israel, the chief men asked themselves that day as they left the audience chamber and departed for the different portions of the kingdom? Surely the wisdom and justice of God rested on their king that even the lowest and most despised should be able to come to him and find help.

And everywhere throughout the kingdom the story spread of the two women and the disputed babe, and the judgment which the king had judged; and all Israel feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to do judgment.

### His Rat Trap.

Omaha has a youngster who is an amateur electrician, and who has a very ingenious way of killing rats. The prying rodent is caught in an ordinary trap, the bottom of which is covered with tin. The Omaha boy has a small dynamo of his own manufacture and one wire connecting with the dynamo is fastened to the tin lining of the trap and another is thrust into the prisoner's cell. The well-known propensity of a caged rat to do battle asserts itself, and he seizes the wire between his teeth. In so doing he makes the mistake of his life. The circuit is complete, his jaws close on the wire with a death grip, and without a squeak, and almost without a quiver, he passes into a state where he will bother mankind no more.

### Population of Rome.

According to the last general census of 1901 the resident population of the whole province of Rome was estimated at 1,142,526, and the fluctuating population, Italian and foreign, at 54,383. The increase since the annexation of Rome to the Italian kingdom in 1871 has been very considerable. At that time the aggregate population amounted to only 836,704, so that within the comparatively short period of 30 years the inhabitants of the province have increased by fully 305,822. According to the above census the number of foreigners in Rome in 1901 was 55, the Germans numbering 1,844, the British 1,739 and the French 1,386. The population of Rome is stated to be 520,196.—Westminster Gazette.

### Good Idea in Berlin.

Houses in Berlin are numbered in luminous paint.

### Mouse Has Short Life.

A mouse seldom lives longer than three years.

ington. The weather chief has christened the peak Mount Weather.

### Latest Fad of the Smoker.

The latest fad of the cigarette smoker, according to a large manufacturer, is to vary the strength of the cigarette with the season. In the winter he says that the smoker now demands a much heavier article than he does for the summer. Somehow, the manufacturer declares, the cigarette smoker has found that he can not smoke anywhere near so strong a cigarette in the summer as in the colder months, and the makers now are putting out special milder cigarettes for summer demands.

### Portrait of Archbishop Finished.

Alphonse Mucha, a New York artist, has just finished a life-size portrait of Archbishop Farley for the archbishop's house in Madison avenue. The archbishop is depicted seated in a Dagobert chair, which bears the symbols of the four evangelists, and wearing the ermine collar and purple robes with the long train of the Capa Magna of ceremonial occasions.

## MISS ANNIE CATRON.



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